

## **James Hervey Witherspoon to Andrew Jackson, April 16, 1825, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.**

### **JAMES H. WITHERSPOON TO JACKSON.**

Waxhaws, Cane Creek, S. C., April 16, 1825.

General Andrew Jackson

*D'r Sir,* Your letter of the 18th, August now past was duly received, for which I beg you to accept my warmest thanks. You will I trust excuse me for not answering your kind letter at an earlier period. The only reason for my delay was founded on the strong hope of the pleasure of a personal interview with you, at which time, I would have duly acknowledged your letter, and gave you all the information that was in my power relative to your desire of Mrs. Barton pointing to the Grave of your Mother.

I have examined Mrs Barton on that subject, (she lives in one mile of me) She states that if it was in her power to point to the spot she would fondly do so; as well as she remembers, and from all the information on the subject, your Mother was burried in the Suburbs of Charleston, about one mile from what was then called the Governors Gate, which is in and about the forks of the Meeting and Kingstreet Road's. Mrs Barton states that your Mother was buried by her Husband, and two men of the name of Hood's from the Waxhaws one of them is now dead, the other is living on Beaver Creek. Mrs B. is of the Opinion that after so long a time of nearly fifty years, she would have no knowledge of the particular Spot; but she is of the Opinion that Mr Hood can point to the place for he has frequently in conversation with Mrs B. told her, that he often has noticed the little House where they all liveed in passing to Charleston with his Waggon, and spoke of your Mother etc. I would

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have long ere this have called on Mr. Hood, who lives about 12 or 15 miles from me, for information, but deferred it until you would come out, when you would have seen him yourself; but the first good opportunity, I will see him. It is almost unnecessary to say to you, how much I was disappointed, "together with the Citizens of Lancaster Dist., with a few remaining Relations and friends, at your not Visiting us this Spring. As we have been deprived of the pleasure of a Visit from you, will you yet, my dear General, favor the place of your *Nativity*, the place that gave you *birth*, the place of your *boyhood*, and early habits, with a Visit. So. Ca. hails you as one of her sons, and would take a delight in paying Honors to a man who have rendered such eminent services to our Country. We have just paid *Honors* to Gen. Lay Fayettee, and would take as much pleasure in paying Honors to Gen. Jackson. There is a number of old men in our Dist still alive that knew you when you was a boy, I will here beg leave to name a few of them. "my Father in law" Isaac Donnom, Masseys, Whites, McKwain Hoey, etc. etc. All the old Stock of the Crawfords, and the Fosters are dead. Of Major Robert Crawfords family that are alive only four children, one son John Crawford who lives at the *old place*, and Mary who married Doctor Dunlap (now a widow) lives four miles from her Brother John's. You have second Cousins, Messrs, Lathems, and Faulkners. Your only Cousin Sarah Lathem whose maiden name was Lessley, died about a year past, leaving several Children. . . . .